

APPROVED July 12, 2011

**Rockville Environment Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, June 14, 2011
At the Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue**

Attendance

Commissioners: John Becker, Steve Cardon, Julie Palakovich-Carr, Kris Dighe, Anne Goodman and David Zbarsky.

Absent: Christine Davidson-McCord, Beri Kravitz and Donna Vincent Roa

Guests: Mark Charles, City of Rockville Environmental Management

Devinie Lye, Resident, Commissioner Candidate

Clark Reed, Resident, Commissioner Candidate

Fred Samadani, PE, Resident, Commissioner Candidate

Meeting Commencement

The meeting convened at 7:35 pm by Chair Dighe

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Goodman moved approval and Zbarsky seconded with no revisions. The Commission approved the minutes 6-0-0 (Commissioner Cardon arrived after this vote was taken).

Meet Environment Commissioner Candidates

The Commission discussed the interests and qualifications of three candidates for three current Commissioner vacancies: Clark Reed, Devinie Lye (student) and Fred Samadani. Several other candidates had been interviewed at the May Commission meeting.

Note, shortly after the Commission meeting, Commissioner Davidson-McCord announced her intention to resign, effective immediately.

Hometown Holidays Debrief

The Commission participated in *Hometown Holidays* on Saturday May 28, from 1-5 pm. Unfortunately, the Commission shared space in the Rockville City Booth and was only able to use ½ of one display table. This was clearly not sufficient space. If the Commission is to participate in the future, it needs to have its own booth with two tables and electrical power. Commissioners suggested that perhaps an arrangement could be made for the Commission to have a booth for Saturday and another Board or Commission have the same booth on Sunday. Chair Dighe intends to draft a letter to the Recreation and Parks Department about next year's arrangements.

Deer Management Task Force

An extensive discussion of the Deer Management Task Force Recommendations took place at the Commission's May meeting. At this meeting, Commissioners endorsed the Task Force recommendations by unanimous consensus. Commissioners also recommended broadening the composition of the permanent advisory committee, if one is established.

Committee Reports

Watershed Protection

- Palakovich-Carr reported that the Committee is working with Environmental Management staff to address adopted stream segments that have not been cleaned in more than a year.
- It was suggested that the Commission obtain a sign indicating that a stream clean up was underway (and perhaps inviting people to assist).

Outreach and Education

- The Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for July 20, 2011.

Sustainable Development and Energy

- Commissioner Becker was designated as the interim Committee Chair. The next meeting of the Committee will be July 28, 2011.

Strategic Retreat

Commissioners expressed interest in participating in a strategic retreat this fall. The event would be facilitated by Environmental Management staff and be held on a Saturday at the Glenview Mansion. A date will be set at the July meeting.

Volunteer Acknowledgement

It was suggested that the Commission sponsor a Thank You Party for the Commission and Committee volunteers. There was general support for pursuing this, perhaps in the Fall.

Chair Reappointment

After a brief discussion regarding whether Kris Dighe should be reappointed Commission Chair, Becker moved and Palakovich-Carr seconded that Dighe be reappointed as chair for another year. The motion was approved unanimously.

August Commission Meeting

Commissioners have requested that the group take a tour of the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer (Recycling) Facility in lieu of a meeting in August. Mark Charles will contact the County and try to arrange this visit.

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Executive Session

Commissioners discussed all of the candidates for the existing Commission vacancies and unanimously recommended that Clark Reed, Alicia Hosmer and Devinie Lye (student) be forwarded to the Mayor to fill these vacancies.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm by unanimous acclamation.

Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm** at **Rockville's City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, 20850**